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SUBJ: SECURITY ASSISTANCE: AN/TPS-43D RADARS AND

F5A/B/E AIRCRAFT FOR ETHIOPIA

REFS: (A) ADDIS 6120; (B) SECDEF 23/1941Z MAY 75;

(C) CMAAG'S 27/1330Z MAY 75; (D) TEHRAN 4974;

(E) ADDIS 6279

1. IT APPEARS FROM REF B THAT A DELAY IN THE FMS CASES
RELATED TO THE FIRST TPS-43D RADAR OF A MONTH OR TWO SHOULD
NOT RPT NOT ENTAIL ANY INSURMOUNTABLE PROBLEMS.

2. ASSUMING (CF REFS A, DAND E) THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO BRING
F5A/B AIRCRAFT INTO ETHIOPIA THIS SUMMER, F5E AIRCRAFT ISSUE
WILL STILL REMAIN UNRESOLVED. ACCORDINGLY,WE SOULD EXPECT MOD TO STI
CK TO POSITION OUTLINED
PARA 1 REF C, BASED ON INTEGRALITY AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM
CONSISTING OF RADAR AND F5 AIRCRAFT, AT LEAST UNTIL USG IN
POSITION SAY SOMETHING SUBSTANTIVE TO EPMG ON F5E'S.

3. UNCERTAINTY WHICH NOW SURROUNDS F5E AVAILABILITY IN MIND
EPMG DECISION-MAKERS IN ABSENCE ANY MEANIGFUL AMERICAN
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RESPONSE TO ETHIOPIAN REQUEST IS, WE BELIEVE, MAJOR FACTOR

MAKING FOR STRAIN AND SUSPICION IN OUR MILITARY ASSISTANCE
RELATIONSHIP WITH DIRG AT PRESENT.

4. IN SHORT, WE OWE GOE AN ANSWER ON ITS F5E LETTER-OF-INTENT,
AND I AGAIN STRONGLY URGE THAT I SOON BE INSTRUCTED TO PROVIDE
IT. THIS, MORE THAN ANY OTHER STEP, LIKELY MINIMIZE ETHIOPIAN
SUSPICIONS THAT WE ARE "PLAYING WITH THEM" AND WOULD PROBABLY
NIP IN BUD DEVELOPMENT ADDITIONAL CONTROVERSY CENTERING ON
TPS-43 RADAR.
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